

Windell Curole, Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, fought tooth and nail to build a more secure flood protection system. Mr. Curole knew the area's levees weren't high enough to defend against a major storm; he began gathering funds and bringing in the necessary resources to raise the levees. Mr. Curole understands his community and gained their support—guided by his leadership, the Parish self-taxed in order to improve their own levee system.

Mr. Curole is no stranger to challenge: the U.S. Corps of Engineers issued cease and desist orders, even going so far as to threaten him with legal repercussions for lacking the correct permits. Driven by a just cause, Mr. Curole simply kept building. Mr. Curole's efforts successfully protected South Lafourche from Hurricane Ida, which devastated most of the surrounding area. His vision and efforts prevented extensive flooding and helped the region back on its feet after this terrible storm. Come hell, high water, or even legal threats, Windell Curole has always and will always take appropriate action to defend his community. I am proud to call Mr. Curole a fellow Louisianian—and friend.

#### HONORING ELLIOTT TANNER

#### HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 20, 2022*

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special young man, a brilliant one, so brilliant that he started attending college at the age of 9 and is one of the youngest college graduates in American history, and the youngest in the state of Minnesota to earn a bachelor's degree.

Elliott Tanner is the name of this brilliant young man who, at the age of 13, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and minor in mathematics from the University of Minnesota. Later this fall, Elliott will be pursuing his Doctorate at the University of Minnesota's PhD program for physics where he is on path to becoming their youngest PhD candidate ever.

Elliott one day hopes to teach at his alma mater but before that, he has the ambitions of becoming a high energy theoretical physicist with a main interest in neutrino physics or subatomic particles with no electric charge.

It is with great pleasure that I get to recognize Elliott for his achievement at such a young age. I would also like to recognize his mother and father, Michelle and Patrik Tanner for their hard work and sacrifices. I congratulate Elliott on graduating. I wish him the best of luck during his PhD program and look forward to the difference he will make in this world.

#### HONORING DR. SIRAJUL ISLAM A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 20, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Sirajul Islam is a doctor, veteran, philanthropist, and

father. He has retired from a 35-year career as a gastroenterologist, during which he contributed significant innovations to the field, founded the Kissimmee Endoscopy Center, and served as the personal physician of the prime minister of Bangladesh. As a philanthropist, Dr. Siraj leveraged his medical expertise and strong network to open and manage hospitals in Bangladesh. Since retiring from gastroenterology in 2019, Dr. Siraj has continued to actively support the health care community, both locally as the president of Central Florida's largest Gastroenterologist group, and in Bangladesh as a director of the Hope Foundation. His many other philanthropic projects include a 500-student boarding school in Bangladesh for under-privileged children and The Islamic Center of Osceola. More than anything, Dr. Siraj loves to spend time with his family, and maintains a strong bond not only with his children but also a very large extended family that spans 4 continents.

#### CONGRATULATING THE WILLINGBORO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK TEAM

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 20, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Willingboro High School Boys Track Team as they commemorate nearly 50 years of athletic accomplishment with a celebratory parade.

Since the 1970s, the high school's boys track team has been a shining example of athleticism, leadership, and teamwork for the community of Willingboro, New Jersey. The school's track program has produced some of the greatest runners in New Jersey Track and Field history, including Olympians Carol Lewis, Carl Lewis, and Lamont Smith.

Today, the team is coached by Martin Booker, Aaydah Copprue-Worthy, Chuck James, and Robert Cornelius, whose leadership and guidance have upheld the team's impressive legacy and positively impacted the lives of so many student-athletes. The Willingboro Boys Track team continues its reputation of excellence as record holders for the most State Indoor Titles in New Jersey Public School history.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire 3rd Congressional District when I extend my congratulations to the current and former Willingboro players and coaches for their impressive achievements and extraordinary legacy.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER SPEAKER JOAQUIN "KIN" CAMACHO ARRIOLA

#### HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 20, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Speaker and Associate Justice, Joaquin "Kin" Camacho Arriola. Speaker Arriola was an inspiring leader, esteemed public servant, and

unwavering advocate for the People of Guam. Beyond his roles as an attorney, judge, and senator, our community will fondly remember him as a pillar of progress who devoted his life to our island's social, political, and economic transformation.

When Speaker Arriola was 16 years old, the Japanese invasion and occupation of Guam brought the War in the Pacific to our very shores. Amid the atrocities and adversity of a war-torn island, however, he displayed incredible tenacity, courage, and fortitude that poured into the rest of his career and lifetime. In addition to surviving as part of the Greatest Generation of Guam, he led a squad of the 77th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army carrying out post-war cleanup operations. Shortly thereafter, Speaker Arriola completed his studies at George Washington High School then went on to graduate cum laude from the College of St. Thomas in Minnesota. In the years that followed, he pursued a Juris Doctor at the University of Minnesota Law School and upon graduating in 1953, he made history as one of the first CHamorus to earn a law degree—later obtaining admission to the Bars for Minnesota, Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, U.S. Supreme Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Determined to realize a better future for our island and people, Speaker Arriola returned home with the tools and confidence to rise as a champion for Guam's civil rights and greater self-governance. Over the course of his 67-years long career, he served at the forefront of our island and region's legal history. In addition to founding Arriola Law Firm, one of the oldest established law offices in Guam, Speaker Arriola represented numerous government agencies, litigated hundreds of cases across the Marianas, and served on the bench as an Associate Justice of the Guam Supreme Court. He also served as an elected senator in the 3rd and 4th Guam Legislature, Legislative Counsel and Parliamentarian for the following 5th, 6th, and 7th, and Speaker of the 9th and 10th legislatures, advancing policies to establish Guam's comprehensive civil, criminal, and legal structures.

Speaker Arriola's extensive community involvement further illustrates the unconditional commitment he maintained to and for our people. In addition to serving as President of the Guam Bar Association, Chairman of the Democratic Party, Territorial Planning Commission, and the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, he served as Executive Committee Chairman for the Pacific Conference on Legislators as well. Moreover, Speaker Arriola played instrumental roles in the formation of the Bank of Guam, as part of the Bank Pacific Board of Directors, and in the historic movement against the establishment of a Federal Comptroller position for the island. The outcomes he helped realize are a fundamental part of both our CHamoru and national story, and over the years these profound contributions have been recognized with a Guam Judiciary Hustisia Award, Cristobal C. Duenas Excellence Award, Governor's Award, Legislative Resolution, and University of Guam Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa.

Joaquin "Kin" Camacho Arriola is an icon of justice whose near century of life is materially intertwined with the history and future of our Marianas archipelago. The visionary leadership he embodied will perpetually inform the

affairs of governance and inspire the lives of many throughout our region. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for him and his family, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of selfless service, unwavering advocacy, and tireless dedication to give back to the home and people that raised him. He will be deeply missed, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.